

32. (Original) A method as in claim 31, wherein the color space conversion is based on a color profile of the image-capturing device, and wherein the color profile of the image-capturing device is identified as one of the operation parameters of the image-capturing device.

33. (Original) A method as in claim 29, including the step of forwarding the color image data received from the image-capturing device to the image-processing application without performing color management thereon when the color management parameter is set to indicate that no color management is required.

REMARKS

The Office Action of February 13, 2003 has been carefully considered along with the cited references. In view of the foregoing claim amendments and the following remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance.

The Office Action objected to the specification for informalities that included a typographical error on page 2 and a switching of reference numerals on page 10. These informalities have been corrected.

The Office Action objected to FIG. 4 for a typical graphical error in the flowchart box identified by reference numeral 148. A replacement drawing sheet containing the corrected FIG. 4 is attached for replacing the original sheet of FIG. 4.

The Office Action objected to claim 1 for the reason that the word "callable" should be "capable." Applicants submit, however, that the word "callable" is correct, and is intended to mean that the color management component can be called by other components to perform its functionality. According, no correction is required.

The Office Action also objected to claim 14 because the word "performs" should have been "performing." Claim 14 has been amended to correct this error.

Turning now to the substantive rejections, the present application was filed with claims 1-33, with claims 1, 14, 24, and 29 in the independent form. The Office Action rejected claims 1-12 and 14-33, but indicated that claim 13 would be allowable if rewritten in the independent form. In response, applicants have canceled claim 13 and moved the limitation in claim 13 into claim 1. This limitation has also been

incorporated into independent claims 14, 24 and 29. Accordingly, all the pending claims should now be allowable.

Conclusion:

In view of the foregoing, this application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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